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To My Esteemed Patients:

In November of 2021, I announced my plans to retire at the end of May. The time has come! While I will miss the interaction with patients and the surgical operations that I have always loved, I remain excited about spending more time with some of my other passions.

I also promised in November that I would leave all of my patients in good hands and with excellent care. I am now making good on that promise. I have chosen Dr. Katherine Hein to take over the care of my patients. Dr. Hein is a board certified plastic surgeon with over 20 years of experience in the field. She trained in the same Harvard plastic surgery program as both Dr. Howrigan and myself. She has long practiced in the MetroWest area and at Newton Wellesley Hospital and is looking forward to taking over my office in Wellesley. At MetroWest Medical Center she was in charge of Quality and Safety for the entire Department of Surgery. She continues to manage Quality for the Division of Plastic Surgery at MGB Newton-Wellesley Hospital. It is this dedication to quality and safety that makes me feel so comfortable turning over the care of my patients to her.

We have worked hard together over the last few months trying to make your transition as easy as possible. You will call the same phone number, talk to many of the same staff (Sharon and Jill), and come to the same familiar office. Our medical esthetician Kathleen will also be staying to give you the same great care (and glowing skin) that you are used to.

I am confident that Dr. Hein and her team will treat you all with the same dignity, respect and excellent surgical care that I have tried to provide. Dr. Hein will have all of your charts as well so that she will know exactly what you have had done in the past. At your first appointment after the transition, the office will provide you with the necessary paperwork so that Dr. Hein can continue your care.

